



# Transportation Advisory Board

## MARICOPA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### **DRAFT MINUTES** **Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

#### **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Chairman Marc Erpenbeck (Dist. 1)	Present
Ted Geisler (Dist. 2)	Present
Wes Gullet (Dist. 3)	Present
Merlyn Carlson (Dist. 4)	Present
Terrance Evans (Dist. 5)	Present

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Toth, Director  
Teresa Welborn, Administrator  
John Paulsen, County Attorney's Office  
Kellee Kelley, Intergovernmental Relations  
Denise Lacey, Transportation Planning  
Nicolaas Swart, Transportation Systems Management  
Michelle Markson, Engineering

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

#### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted Geisler.

#### **3. ROLL CALL**

In attendance: Marc Erpenbeck, Ted Geisler, Merlyn Carlson, Wes Gullet, and Terrance Evans.

#### **4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No requests to speak were presented.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A MOTION was made by Wes Gullet and was SECONDED by Merlyn Carlson, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **6. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director Toth presented a Certificate of Appreciation which will be sent to former Vice-Chairman, Jeff Martin for his six years of service as a TAB member.

Director Toth discussed Chairman Chucri's visit to MCDOT in September. The Chairman fielded questions from staff and was given a tour of the Traffic Management Center (TMC).

MCDOT hosted an "All-Hands Meeting" with all staff to discuss the recent re-organization of the department, provided safety training and presented the Department's new core purpose and values. Director Toth explained that MCDOT's core purpose is to provide connections that will improve people's lives and to provide a transportation system that is well managed and operates efficiently. Director Toth explained that our core values (how MCDOT employee should perform our jobs), includes being service minded and unifying as a team to provide services.

Director Toth informed the TAB that MCDOT's main functions are to plan, design, build, maintain, and operate the transportation system. The system represents a new framework that focuses on how to maintain and operate our current system in the most efficient way possible instead of solely focusing on building new roads.

## **7. MCDOT CORRIDOR PROJECTS**

Nicolaas Swart, Transportation Systems Management Division Manager, presented an overview of MCDOT's Major Corridor projects which included the scope of work, schedules and the proposed budgets of the following projects: MC-85, Riggs Road, Olive Avenue, Deer Valley Road, Northern Parkway, El Mirage Road, Bell Road, McKellips Road and the three East Valley Bridges (Dobson Road, Gilbert Road and McKellips Road).

## **8. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN (TSP)**

Systems Planning Branch Manager, Denise Lacey, provided an update on roadways that are nearing or currently operating below MCDOT's level of service standard. Ms. Lacey presented the project rating targets for traffic and congestion, safety, cost/benefit, land use and regional travel.

Ms. Lacey also presented information from Technical Memorandum #2 of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) Needs Analysis. The TSP identified 19 roadways and the State of the System (SOS) Report identified 33 road segments that are currently operating below service volume acceptable standards. The roadways identified in both the TSP and the SOS were combined to minimize the number of projects to be ranked through the Project Rating System (PRS). The results of the ranked projects will be used to create recommendations which will be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. Lacey explained that staff is currently analyzing projections for the 2020, 2025 and 2035 models which will provide the Department with the next list of projects that will go through the PRS. Staff will request input from the TAB and the public early next year.

## **9. STATE OF THE SYSTEM**

The State of the System (SOS) Report was presented to the Board members. The report covers fiscal years 2013 and 2014(July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014). The SOS acts as a report card for the transportation system. The report measures the performance and condition of the transportation system components such as traffic volume growth rate, crash rates, incident rates and pavement conditions. Ms. Lacey provided the Transportation Advisory Board members with the full printed report and noted it is also on the website.

## **10. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

A MOTION was made by Wes Gullet and SECONDED by Merlyn Carlson to elect Ted Geisler as the Transportation Advisory Board Vice-Chair. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

## **11. TAB FORUM**

None at this time.

## **12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 16, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

## **13. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Ted Geisler suggested that a summary of the current challenges facing MCDOT be presented at a future meeting.

Merlyn Carlson suggested that the Board take a tour the MCDOT Traffic Management Center (TMC). Jennifer Toth agreed and suggested that a tour of the Anthem Test Bed also be scheduled.

## **14. CALL TO ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

